

CLAIMS

1. A production method of a coated preparation, which comprises coating with an aqueous dispersion of pioglitazone hydrochloride comprising a coating material having a low viscosity.
2. A coated preparation obtained according to the production method of claim 1.

10

3. The production method of claim 1, wherein the coating material having a low viscosity in its 5% aqueous solution shows a viscosity of not more than 35 mPa·s at 20°C.

15

4. The production method of claim 1, wherein the coating material having a low viscosity is hydroxypropyl cellulose SL, hydroxypropyl cellulose SSL or polyvinyl alcohol-polyethylene glycol graft copolymer.

20

5. The production method of claim 1, wherein a core comprising an active ingredient is coated with an aqueous dispersion of pioglitazone hydrochloride comprising a coating material having a low viscosity.

25

6. The production method of claim 5, wherein the active ingredient is a therapeutic agent for diabetes.

7. The production method of claim 6, wherein the therapeutic agent for diabetes is a biguanide.

30

8. The production method of claim 7, wherein the biguanide is metformin hydrochloride.

9. The production method of claim 5, wherein the active ingredient is a therapeutic agent for hyperlipidemia.

10. The production method of claim 9, wherein the therapeutic agent for hyperlipidemia is an HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor.

11. A method for improving dissolution of pioglitazone hydrochloride from a preparation coated with pioglitazone hydrochloride, which comprises, when producing said preparation, coating with an aqueous dispersion of pioglitazone hydrochloride comprising a coating material having a low viscosity.

12. A coated preparation obtained according to the production method of claim 1, which releases not less than 50% of pioglitazone hydrochloride in 15 minutes in a dissolution test by a rotating basket method using a hydrochloric acid-potassium chloride buffer (pH 2.0) as a test solution at 37°C, 100 rpm.

13. A coated preparation obtained according to the production method of claim 1, which releases not less than 50% of pioglitazone hydrochloride in 15 minutes in a dissolution test by a paddle method using a hydrochloric acid-potassium chloride buffer (pH 2.0) as a test solution at 37°C, 50 rpm.

25